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From 1980 until 2005, Mr. Borch was a career military lawyer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. During that period, he served in a variety of legal assignments in the U.S. and overseas, including Professor of Criminal Law at the Army Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia (1990 to 1993) and Professor of International Law at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island (2001 to 2003). His areas of expertise were legal issues involving terrorism, anti-terrorism, counter-terrorism, and Homeland Security. This background helped him when he served as the first Department of Defense Office of Military Commissions Chief Prosecutor (2003 to 2004). In that position, Fred was responsible for directing the overall prosecution efforts of the United States in military commissions involving alleged terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This included: deciding the strategy for prosecuting terrorists at military commissions; determining the legal theory for prosecution; selecting the first six cases for trial; and organizing the Office of the Chief Prosecutor.



After retiring as a colonel in 2005, Mr. Borch was the Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina. He resigned from that position in March 2006 to take his current position as a Professor of Legal History and Leadership and Regimental Historian and Archivist. Today, he is the only full-time military legal historian in the U.S. Government.

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